

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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“National Volunteer Week,” as proclaimed by the President of the United States for April 18 through 24, 2010, recognizes the outstanding contributions made by individuals across the country to various community-based programs, non-profit organizations, neighborhood projects and local government agencies.

The County of Los Angeles has an active Volunteer Program, created in 1981, which now spans 37 Departments and the Los Angeles Superior Court. Volunteers perform assignments that otherwise would not get done. They do not replace or serve as a substitute for County employees.

“Volunteers Build Bridges” will be the theme of the 2010 County Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon, scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. County volunteers are deserving of public recognition for their hard work, dedication and commitment to helping the County carry out its motto, “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

Last year, 55,387 individuals donated 3.9 million volunteer hours to County departments. According to calculations of the Independent Sector, a national organization which establishes the value of volunteer hours, the County’s 2008 volunteer hours are valued at \$80.9 million, a tremendous savings for the County.

The Volunteer Program also fulfills key aspects of the County’s Strategic Plan,

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including Operational Effectiveness, Children, Family and Adult Well-Being and Community and Municipal Services.

Volunteer program activities for next year also include the annual Volunteer Insurance Workshop, conducted in the fall, and the Winter Volunteer Program planning meeting.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim Monday, April 12, 2010 as “Volunteers Build Bridges Day” in the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to appropriate \$40,000 for the 2010 County Volunteer Program, including the annual Volunteer of the Year recognition and awards luncheon, Volunteer Network Winter Planning meeting and the annual fall Volunteer Program Insurance workshop, conducted by CEO Risk Management; and
3. Request that the County departmental volunteer coordinators submit to the CEO Workplace Programs Office quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their departments; and
4. Request that the Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department provide the necessary support for the 2010 County Volunteer Program; and
5. Waive the \$1,200 rental fee, excluding cost of liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall and Lobby, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the April 12, 2010 Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon; and
6. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center garage for honorees and other luncheon guests attending the Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon on Monday, April 12, 2010.
7. Waive parking fees, in the amount of \$400 for approximately 20 cars, excluding the cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center garage for employees attending the Volunteer Program Insurance Workshop on October 26, 2009.

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